



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER		
EREV ROSH HASHONAH	Sept. 29	7:30 PM
ROSH HASHONAH	Sept. 30	10:00 AM
KOL NIDRE	Oct. 8	7:30 PM
YOM KIPPUR	Oct. 9	10:00 AM
DISCUSSION SERIES	Oct. 12	7:00 PM
SUKKOT CELEBRATION	Oct. 13	7:00 PM
ROSH CHODESH	Oct. 16	7:30 PM
SHABBAT SERVICE	Oct. 17	7:30 PM
BOARD MEETING	Oct. 26	7:00 PM
WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY	Oct. 28	3:00 PM
See inside for details of all these events!		

Be sure to check the website where changes in dates of events and the Newsletter are posted: www.ahycc.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shouldn't religion make you a better person? The answer we expect is "yes". But I don't see lots of evidence of this.

There are two forms of religion – one looks to the world after death; the other to the world we live in now. Judaism is a religion of the latter, especially when we in Am HaYam do provide a religious community that takes on the responsibility of helping each other and others in need outside our own community. This is most essentially demonstrated by the collection of food on Yom Kippur.

I ask you please to think of all of those in need and do your best to support the actions of AHY as we engage in our annual food drive to help stock the pantries on the Lower and Outer Cape.

A happy, healthy new year to all!
L'shana tova.

Jay Bloom

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES: Dates and Times

*Erev Rosh Hashanah - Monday,
September 29, 2008 7:30 PM

*Rosh Hashanah – Tues., September
30 -10:00 AM

*Tashlich - Immediately following the
morning service of Rosh Hashanah

*Kol Nidre-Wed., October 8 –
7:30 PM

*Yom Kippur – Thurs., Oct. 9
Morning Service -10:00 AM

Children's Service – 2:00 PM
Afternoon Service - 3:00 PM
Yizkor (Memorial) - 4:30 PM
Ne'ilah Service - 5:00 PM

HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION

High Holiday services will take place at the Federated Church in Orleans. We are delighted that once again Rabbi Deanna Douglas will be officiating. Cantor Elizabeth Anker will be joining us for the first time this year.

In 2007 at the recommendation of the Ritual Committee, the Board approved the following policy:

While the congregation is standing in prayer, no one will be permitted to enter the sanctuary. Ushers will be present at the rear of the sanctuary to implement this policy. No exceptions will be made.

Because we are a diverse congregation, no one is required to wear a tallit or kippah while holding the Torah, reciting blessings or standing on the bimah. Kippot will be available in the foyer and tallitot will be available on the bimah for those who want them. The two available tallitot will be sent to Poland as part of the tallit return program.

Break-the-Fast

The community break-the-fast will begin immediately after shofar is blown. All are welcome!

AHY provides bagels, cream cheese and all beverages. Attendees are asked to bring finger food – enough to serve 8 – 10 people. This includes hard-boiled eggs, cheese and crackers,

kugel, dips, gefulte fish, veggies, etc. Please do not bring anything that needs to be heated.

Leona Bicker will be in charge of setting up and arrangements.

Shira and David Sands are in charge of clean up and need volunteers to help them. Please email Shira at:

shira77@bu.edu if you can remain for a short while at the end to help clean up.

FOOD DRIVE

Each year Am HaYam conducts a food drive between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

This year as in the past, we plan to announce the specifics of the drive during Rosh Hashanah services, and then collect all the food before and after Yom Kippur services.

In past years, some participants have told us that they begin to stockpile non-perishable food items in the weeks prior to the High Holy Days. Some even set up a carton, and watching the sales, purchase a few extra items each week, tossing them into the carton. That small amount of food each week is barely noticeable in their total weekly food bill but by Yom Kippur there is a significant amount of food to donate.

The local food pantries that we supply are in dire need at this time, since their clients are particularly hard hit by the rise in all consumer prices this past year. Many more families are coming to them for help than they have ever experienced before. Please keep this in mind during these next weeks as you plan for your contributions.

We look forward to seeing you all to wish you a happy and a healthy new year and to thank you in person for all your

help, when we come together as one "havurah family" at the break-the-fast directly following Yom Kippur services.

Carol and Stephen Roth, co-chairs, High Holy Day Food Drive

SHABBAT SERVICES

Services will take place at the Chapel -in the- Pines on the *first and third Friday of the month*. All services start at 7:30 PM and are followed by an Oneg Shabbat. Please bring treats for the Oneg. The House Committee will provide challah and beverages. All services are led by members of the Havurah and each is different depending on the leader's orientation.

If someone is interested in leading services please contact Paul Biegelsen at landerbiegel@comcast.net. Written and verbal assistance is available.

SERVICE LEADERS:

Oct. 17 – Gene Saklad

Nov. 7 – Rebecca Holmes

Dec. 5 – Shira Sands

SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Come join us under the beautiful succah on Monday, Oct. 13 @ 7 PM at the home of the Berricks, 135 Paines Creek Dr., Brewster.

Please bring a pastry or fruit to share. Hot and cold beverages and challah will be provided.

Directions:

6A in Brewster heading towards Dennis. Go past the Brewster General Store, past the Brewster Fire Station, at the blinking yellow light, stay to the right (i.e. stay on

6A). Go 1/2 mile, make a left on Paines Creek Rd. (Kate's Seafood and Ice Cream on your right). #135 is the fourth house on the right.

From Dennis: Setucket Rd. becomes Stony Brook Rd at the Brewster Grist Mill/Herring Run. Go past the Grist Mill, go 3/10 mile to the first street on the left, turn onto Paines Creek Rd. #135 is the 5th driveway on the left.

FALL DISCUSSION SERIES

“A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World,” a reading and discussion series sponsored jointly by Friends of the Wellfleet Library and Am HaYam, will be held Sundays at 2:30 pm beginning Oct. 12, 2008. The schedule is as follows:

Tevye the Dairyman - Sholem Aleichem—Oct. 12. Please read this selection prior to coming.

Breadgivers - Anzia Yezierska -Nov. 2

O My America - Johanna Kaplan—Nov. 9

American Pastoral - Phillip Roth—Nov. 30

Bee Season - Myla Goldberg—Dec. 14
Sharon Leder will be the facilitator. For details or to register, please call the library 508-349-0310 or contact project director Elaine McIlroy at emcilroy@clamsnet.org

In the past century, fathers and daughters have been depicted in Jewish fiction as being unable to connect over a gender and a generational divide. Whether fathers are separated from their daughters by traditional religion, bourgeois convention, conservative politics or just the drive to control, daughters have needed to strike out on their own in order to establish autonomy,

identity and self-definition. Can fictional portraits enlighten us so that we are better able to face the challenges with which our families struggle? Do the moves to redefine fatherhood in the twenty-first century present the possibility of greater dialogue and communication between fathers and daughters? Have we gone beyond “the absent father”? How do the fictional representations of Jewish families resonate with or diverge from the dynamics within other ethnic groups and cultures? Participants will consider the novels in relation to their own experience with family and will have opportunities to share their responses through journaling and discussion. The series is free and open to all. Join us for all or some of the discussions.

ROSH CHODESH

WHERE: Bernice Simon-Wolfson

WHEN: Oct. 16th at 7:30.

WHAT: A film called, IRON JAWED ANGELS. It's about the Suffragists of the early 1900's and what horror they endured to grant women the right to vote. This is an extremely important film shown at a most appropriate time; a few weeks before a presidential election.

Address: 32 Wadsworth Lane, Yarmouthport. Call: 508-362-5508 or send an e-mail:

bsimwolf@comcast.net .

Please car-pool if you can.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 28 @ 3:00 PM

WHERE: To be determined. Please call or email Rebecca Holmes for further

information. 774-207-0285 or rebeccaholmes@comcast.net

TORAH STUDY

Please make a note of the following dates:

Rabbi Douglas - Dec. 7; Feb. 15; April 19; June 7.

Rabbi Ullman – Nov. 16; Jan. 18; March 12; May 10.

All sessions are at the Brewster Ladies' Library at 10:30 AM

Volunteers Needed! You Can Help!

The Homeless Prevention Council (formerly known as Interfaith Council for the Homeless on the Lower Cape) is in immediate need of volunteers.

Volunteer opportunities include: data entry, administrative work, helping on fund raising events, marketing, public relations, helping with car donations, special projects and much more.

Opportunities are flexible and can be arranged to meet the volunteer's schedule.

The Homeless Prevention Council assists homeless and near homeless individuals and families in the eight towns on the Lower Cape. The focus is on prevention and helping clients sustain financial independence.

To find out how you can help, call Ellen Bernstein, Volunteer Program Director, 508 240 5830.

FACING HISTORY PROGRAM

The following report was sent by Richard Huston, the chair of the Harwich High School History Dept. to Ira Seldin, who coordinates the program for AHY.

During the first week of August, I was fortunate enough to be a participant in the "Holocaust and Human Behavior Institute" held in Brookline MA at the facilities of the "Facing History and Ourselves" organization. The facilitators of the programs were Laura Tavares, Adrienne Billington-Bock and Juan Castellanos; the forty educators who signed up came from all over the US and the world. Three teachers came from the Fudan University School in the People's Republic of China; a couple from Australia and New Zealand who serve at an international School in Beijing also attended. The group also included both private and public school professionals; Texas, Florida, and most of the New England states were represented. As we interacted throughout the week we also learned that the collection of teachers was a very diverse group in terms of race, religion, ethnicity, and political persuasion. In other words we learned from each other as well as from the excellent Facing History staff.

The focus of the first day was familiarizing the class with the Facing History Scope and Sequence. This cycle takes the group through a journey that includes stops at the following concepts: 1. Identity, 2. Membership, 3. History, 4. "Judgment, Memory and Legacy," and 5. "Choosing to Participate." After examining the individual and his/her role in society, the roots of racism and prejudice were investigated through a variety of pedagogical techniques. Most of the second day was aimed at achieving a stronger understanding of Jewish life in Europe before World War II, the nature of the Weimar Republic, and the Rise of the Nazi Party.

The highlight of the week in my view came during day three which examines the steps to mass murder in great detail. As we grappled with

understanding the full scope and horror of the “Final Solution” Sonia Weitz shared her family’s history during the Holocaust. Her openness, created poetry, sharp recollection, and (yes) even wit made a great impression on everyone in attendance.

Day four was aimed at gaining a more sophisticated knowledge of human behavior by looking at the nature and role of “upstanders” and “bystanders” during the Holocaust. Literature was the main avenue of investigation used to attack these questions. The final day of the week was spent using a variety of techniques (readings, documentaries, group exercises) to gain perspective on the Nuremberg Trials and their aftermath. Following a week of intense learning, the group spent the final afternoon discussing civic participation and the notion of how to “Be the Change.” The professionals at Facing History did a fantastic job of engaging the group in this important work; they also provided all the teachers with resources, both print and electronic, that will facilitate our efforts to bring these lessons to our schools.

At Harwich High School we pride ourselves on a key phrase of our mission statement: “Respect for Self and Others.” My experience this past August will help the members of the history department to better inculcate that notion to the classes as we continue to teach the essential aspects of US and World History. Thanks again for supporting my participation in Facing History.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Synagogue Council of Massachusetts is excited and proud to announce a very special event for the

women of the Greater Boston Jewish Community on Sunday, November 23 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Temple Israel, Boston.

Spend a joyous afternoon in dialogue, interaction and study as we mark the emergence of the acclaimed "The Torah: A Women's Commentary" with its Associate Editor, Rabbi Andrea Weiss. Rabbi Weiss is Assistant Professor of Bible at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City and has helped guide this groundbreaking publication from its inception over a decade ago. A true reflection of the important goal of Jewish unity of the Synagogue Council, the Commentary's contributions come from female rabbis, scholars and writers from across the Jewish religious and cultural spectrum. Published by the Women of Reform Judaism and the Union of Reform Judaism Press, the Commentary has been hailed as a great work by Bible experts of diverse backgrounds.

Connect with women from all segments of the local Jewish community and Enjoy a delicious kosher lunch, treating you to a first-class learning experience at the same time!

For immediate information, contact Marilyn Lipan, Assistant Director, Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, 617-244-6506, ext. 10 or marilin@synagoguecouncil.org <<mailto:marilin@synagoguecouncil.org>>

Thank You for Your Support!

*Alliance of Orthodox Congregations – Chesed Committee- In loving memory of Shirley Davis.

*Rubenstein, Lynn – In memory of

Shirley Davis from the Rubenstein family.

- *Labb, William – In memory of Shirley Davis.
- * Hilzenrath, Dr. Stephen&Susan – Looking forward to joining you again for your warm and loving services.
- * Nadelberg, Naomi&Michael – Shana tova!
- * Levison, Carol&Fred – Bookplates in memory of Abe&Lily Furgatch and Sam&Clara Levison.
- * Millert, Ruth&Kenneth
- * Shrand, Hannah – In memory of Herman Shrand.
- * Valk, Harold&Leila – On the occasion of their 60th anniversary. Happy New Year to all!
- * Wolf, Bruce&Sheryl

The Am HaYam "Shmooze List"

Most of those who asked to join our informal family of people who wish to share via e-mail information not necessarily related to our *Havurah* are now fully subscribed despite a couple of glitches. There are only a few for whom we have yet to complete their enrollment. No upper limit on the number of participants is contemplated; so we still encourage you to subscribe to the *Am HaYam* Shmooze List (even if you are on the official *Am HaYam* e-mail distribution list). To do so, you must send an e-mail

TO: <shmoozer@ahycc.org> giving all the following data

NAME (S if a single e-mail address is used by more than one individual):
PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:
PRIMARY TELEPHONE NUMBER:
SECONDARY RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (if significant time is spent at

another location):
SECONDARY TELEPHONE NUMBER:
ADDITIONAL e-MAIL ADDRESS (The one from which you send the requested data will be assumed.):

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Judy and Myron Taylor on the recent death of Myron's son, Michael. May they cherish only the good memories.

SERVICES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

- *Adult Education, Jessica Dill 255-7771; Judy Underberg, 240-7094
- *Bereavement: Paul Biegelsen, 255-2963
- *Children's Education: Judi Bloom 255-0055
- *Hineni: Ruth Shapiro 896-3573; Judy Keller 255-7564
- *House Committee: Paula Feinstein&Marilyn Greenberg 255-9283
- *Jewish Federation: 778-5589
- *Ritual Committee: Paul Biegelsen 255-2963
- *Rosh Chodesh: Bernice Simon-Wolfson 362-5508
- *Supermarket Coupons: Judy Keller 255-7564
- *Torah Study: Alice Weiss 896-7355; Joyce&Dick Bush
- *Treasurer: Dick Bush 430-5444
- *Zamarei HaYam: Shira Sands 349-1784